

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A preconstruction utility pedestal comprising:
 - an elongated support member defining an inner side and an outer side and having a top end and a bottom end;
 - a plate affixed on the inner side of said support member for attachment to a foundation wall for a building;
 - a first bracket substantially parallel to said plate disposed on said support member for mounting an electric meter at the top end of said support member so said electric meter faces toward said outer side;
 - an electric power outlet removably secured to said support member proximate to said first bracket and accessible from said outer side, said electric power outlet removably connectable to an electric meter; and
 - a second bracket substantially parallel to said first bracket for mounting a gas utility meter, said second bracket affixed to said support member intermediate of said plate and said first bracket.
2. The pedestal of claim 1 wherein said electric power outlet and said second bracket are disposed on opposite sides of said support member.
3. The pedestal of claim 1 further comprising a third bracket disposed on and spaced inwardly and parallel to said second bracket, said third bracket for attachment to a stud wall of said building.

4. The pedestal of claim 3 wherein said third bracket is spaced inwardly the width of a brick facia.

5. The pedestal of claim 1 wherein said second bracket has a first meter mounting portion and a second elongated portion extending substantially perpendicular to and extending away from said support member to space said meter mounting portion from said electric power outlet and said first bracket to a predetermined distance.

6. The pedestal of claim 1 further comprising a second plate affixed to said support member for attachment to a foundation wall.

7. The pedestal of claim 1 further comprising indicia on the outer surface of said second bracket instructing removal of said electric power outlet before installation of a gas utility meter.

8. A method of providing metered utility service to a building during construction comprising:

mounting a pedestal to a foundation wall of said building;

laying electric supply line and gas supply line in a single in-ground trench to said pedestal;

mounting to said pedestal an electric meter;

removably mounting an electric power outlet to said pedestal and operatively connecting said electric power outlet to said electric meter;

operably connecting said electric supply line to said electric meter;
mounting a gas meter to said pedestal; and
operably connecting said gas supply line to said gas meter.

9. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of disconnecting said electric outlet from said electric meter before operably connecting said gas supply line to said gas meter.

10. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of affixing a notice to said pedestal providing instructions to disconnect said electric outlet before mounting said gas meter.

11. The method of claim 8 further comprising installing a brick facia on said foundation wall, anchoring said electric meter and gas meter thereto.

12. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of laying telephone service supply line in said trench.

13. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of laying a signal transmission line in said trench.

14. A method of providing metered utility service to a building during construction comprising:

mounting to a foundation wall of said building a pedestal;
providing electric supply and gas supply to said pedestal;

mounting to said pedestal an electric meter;
removably mounting an electric power outlet to said pedestal and operatively connecting said electric power outlet to said electric meter;
operably connecting said electric supply line to said electric meter;
mounting a gas meter to said pedestal; and
before operably connecting said gas supply line to said gas meter, disconnecting said electric outlet from said electric meter.

15. The method of claim 14 further comprising installing a brick facia on said foundation wall, anchoring said electric meter and gas meter thereto.

16. A preconstruction utility pedestal comprising:
an elongated hollow support member defining an inner side and an outer side and having a top end and a bottom end;
a first plate affixed on the inner side of said support member for attachment to a foundation wall for a building;
a first bracket substantially parallel to said plate disposed on said support member for mounting an electric meter at the top end of said support member so said electric meter faces toward said outer side;
an electric power box removably secured to said support member proximate to said first bracket and facing said outer side;
said electric power outlet removably connectable to an electric meter;

a second bracket substantially parallel to said first bracket for mounting a gas utility meter, said second bracket affixed to said support member intermediate of said plates and said first bracket and opposite said electric power outlet; and

a second plate affixed to said support member for attachment to a foundation wall.